

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 10, 2012

The regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on April 10, 2012, beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room with all Council Members and the Clerk-Treasurer present in person. The minutes from the prior meeting of the Council were approved without change or correction.

Don Bixby of Territorial Engineering first appeared before the Council to report both on the lift station project and the storm drain project. He indicated that there was a problem with the generator at the lift station but that they should have that corrected and the project finished by June 1, 2012, as required. A pay application for \$247,724.23 has been submitted and approved.

With respect to the storm drain project, Mr. Bixby indicated that they were having problems with it because of the poor soil that existed in that section of the town. He indicated that more work was being required because of the condition of the soil and the problems it was causing. He also indicated that further change orders would be required because of additional costs that the contractor will have in resolving the problems with the soil. He asked that the Council appoint one of its member to approve change orders that will come up before the next meeting of the Council, so that the contractor can continue to move forward towards completion of the project. After discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to authorize Member McFarland to sign such change orders so long as the budget for the project is maintained, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council. Member McFarland also moved to accept change order No. 1 presented by Territorial Engineering in the sum of \$4,438.00, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Council then discussed the replacement of Herb Baker on the county tourism board. After discussion, Member McFarland moved to appoint Kim Berger to replace her father on that board, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

Chief Bill Martin then appeared before the Council and reported on the changes to the equipment being added to the new vehicle that has now been ordered for the police department. He also submitted his monthly report for March. Chief Martin also reported to the Council that Daryl Ball had recommended that the Ford Expedition be placed in an upcoming auction and that it would bring more there than as a trade-in on the new police vehicle.

Roger Terry then appeared before the Council and inquired about purchasing a vehicle lift for use by town departments. It would cost \$3,369.00 with installation. However, if the doors of the building where the lift would be located were to be replaced, the total cost would come in at closer to \$15,000.00. Member Wattenbarger expressed concern over that expense in relation to the benefit the vehicle lift would provide to the town. Member Hanley

Indicated his concern about safety in changing oil for town vehicles and that a lift would be a solution to that. After further discussion, Member McFarland asked that the matter be tabled for another 30 days so the survey could continue of the need for the vehicle lift. It was indicated that the cost of the lift would be shared by the police departments and all other departments of the town.

Roger Terry addressed the Council once again and asked about including the old Christmas decorations of the town in the upcoming FFA auction. The Council discussed including other property of the town that was no longer needed in that auction as well. After discussion, Member McFarland moved to include the Christmas decorations and other miscellaneous property of the town in the FFA auction, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Clerk-Treasurer then appeared before the Council and reported on a quote that she received from Millwood Roofing to repair the roof the Town Hall. She indicated that the quote for the lower portion of the building came in at \$9,447.00, while the upper section of the roof was quoted at \$9,900.00 for repairing it. She noted that Millwood Roofing indicated that the lower section of the roof needed repair more than the upper section and that the repairs to the upper section could be delayed. After discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to accept the Millwood Roofing quote for the repair of the lower section of the roof but not the upper section, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved.

The Clerk-Treasurer also brought to the attention of the Council that a new law passed recently would require the town to adopt a nepotism policy. The town attorney was asked to review a sample policy and report back to the Council on the same. The Clerk-Treasurer also brought to the attention of the town a request from a resident on Park Avenue that a bill incurred out of concern that the town had caused a problem with their sump pump be paid by the town, in the sum of \$50.00. After an explanation of what transpired, the Council took no action on this request.

Member McFarland then asked Mr. Terry about the pot holes off of Shafer Road that appeared to be on school property. Mr. Terry confirmed that this was school property and that it needed to be repaired. He would discuss this with the proper person from the school.

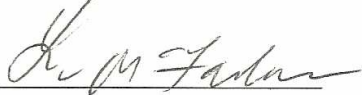
Each of the department heads then submitted their activity reports. Mr. Shoda also reported specifically on the upcoming projects he had scheduled now that the weather had broken.

Member McFarland then brought to the attention of the Council an idea he had to start a community day each may where community residents could work on cleaning up and fixing up the town. He said he would like to do the first community day on May 5. The Council approved this request and asked that Mr. Terry and his employees take a day off during the week prior to the community day so they would be able to direct work on Saturday, May 5. Member McFarland said he would work on getting publicity out while Member Hanley indicated that he would make contact with churches in town to get volunteers.

Member Wattenbarger then brought to the attention of the meeting his concern about condition of sidewalks in and about the town, particularly on the east side of SR 331. Several properties were designated as having particularly deteriorated sidewalks. It was noted though that since this was a State highway that any changes to the sidewalks would have to meet handicap standards, such as the width being 5 foot and accessible curbs being placed at the end of each block. No action was taken on this issue.

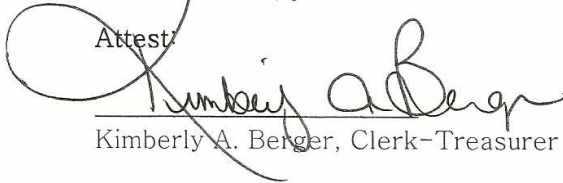
There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, president

Attest:



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer